

STAFF CONGRESS NEWSLETTER

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President's Report by Linda Wright

On March 9, Governor Jones signed House Bill 154, allowing a staff seat on the Board of Regents. NKU was represented at this signing in Frankfort. The bill calls for a full-time staff member, elected by fellow staff members via secret ballot, to fill this position. The positions of president, vice president, academic dean and academic department chairperson are excluded. The length of the term is three years, and the individual must remain a full-time staff member during that period. We are in the process of working out the details and time frame for the election process, and will report again with details. Thanks to everyone who supported this effort.

A selection committee has been formed for the 1994 Staff Congress Award/A. D. Albright Scholarship: Jeanne Pettit, Staff Congress (chair); Sandy Cunningham, Registrar's Office; Penny Persons, Financial Aid; Carolyn Walsh, Staff Congress; Dana Fry, student. Applications are due to the Staff Congress office, Administrative Center 105 by **April 1, 4:30 p.m.** Two \$250 book and supply awards will be given to applicants receiving the next highest points after the award/scholarship recipients have been determined.

The temporary disability/family medical leave policy draft has been distributed to staff congress representatives. Please contact any representative, or stop by A.C. 105 to review this draft. We need to have your comments no later than Wednesday, April 13.

The transportation committee is working on the following issues: reserve parking, transferrable parking decals, restructuring of lots to provide more space, and the possibility of a parking structure. Please contact Angie Tolle with your comments or questions.

Tax Preparation Assistance Available

Free tax help is available by means of the VITA program of the Chase College of Law on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in UC 118. The VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Program provides free tax help for basic tax returns and is staffed by students and faculty of the Chase College of Law.

The VITA program also operates out of the Brighton Center at 8th and Central in Newport on Wednesday nights from 6 - 9 p.m. and Saturday afternoons from 12 - 3 p.m. **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS SERVICE.** VITA will help file your tax return to get your tax refund. If you need help, check it out!

Benefits Committee

This committee functions in an advisory and coordinating capacity to continuously make recommendations for adjustments, improvements and refinements in all personnel benefits. They have been working in several areas such as scholarships, tuition and legislative matters. Benefits along with the Policy committee, have been working with Personnel to fine tune changes in the Family Leave Act policy and discussing the possibility of securing a Personal Day. This committee also keeps in close touch with the Health Utilization committee.

NEW HIRES

Jay Baker, Public Safety
Mary Becker, Theatre
Sally Bjork, Steely Library
Terrance Denniston, Physical Plant
Tonya Hamilton, Physical Plant
Ronda Hickman, Technology
Joyce Leathers, Personnel
John Reis, Athletics
Dwight Shelley, Academic Computing

TERMINATIONS

Robert Embry, Administrative Computing
Debra Enzweiler, Steely Library
Karen Kidd, Physical Plant
Jerry Legere, Registrar
Xiangxin Li, Academic Computing
Charles Nordin, Physical Plant
Linda Smoke, Steely Library
Imogene Spare, Physical Plant
Gwen Steadman, Theatre
Dennis Taulbee, V.P. Administration
Catherine Womacks, Technology

TEMPORARY TO PERMANENT

None for this period

TRANSFERS

Irene Boling, Nursing (from Econ. Fin. & Info System)
Lori Gosney, Registrar (from Personnel)

BIRTHS

Robert Flinchum, Physical Plant, and his wife have a new baby boy, Steven Gerald, born February 17, weighing in at 7 lbs. 6 ozs.

SPEEDY RECOVERY...

To Ruth Saccone, Athletics, who is recuperating at home after surgery. She thanks all who have sent cards and get well wishes.

SYMPATHY TO...

Garry Casson, Administrative Computing, on the death of his mother-in-law, Helen Shoptaugh, in December.

Rene Issacs, Administrative Computing, who lost her father, Charles Wood, on March 9.

Sandy Morgan, University Development and her sister, Debbie Elfers, Re-Entry Center, who recently lost a grandmother and grandfather.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Angee McCormick, Administrative Computing, who was married to Brad Ellis on March 19, 1994.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF CONGRESS OFFICE...

Please notify Peg Goodrich, X6400, if you are not receiving enough copies of this newsletter for all staff employees in your department. If you are in an academic department feel free to share your Staff Congress newsletters with the faculty in your department.